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## **Ambassador Olson's Eid al-Adha Message**

On behalf of President Obama and the people of the United States, I extend best wishes to all Muslims in Pakistan on the occasion of Eid al-Adha. I also congratulate the nearly three million pilgrims, including thousands of American Muslims, who are performing the Hajj this year. This great peaceful gathering breaks down barriers of race, class, and culture, and reflects the true image of a global community.

Those making the Hajj are a reminder of the powerful role that faith plays in lifting individuals and communities to a higher standard.

As Muslims unite to embrace the virtues extolled during the Hajj - those of sacrifice, benevolence, and brotherhood - I wish peace and strength to the people of Pakistan.

*Eid Mubarak!*